

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*
SUBJECT: Reply to Chairman Morgan

Attached is a draft reply to Chairman Morgan's April 6 letter (Tab A).

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

April 24, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY *RTK*
J. F. LEHMAN *JL*
SUBJECT: Reply to Chairman Morgan

Chairman Morgan of the House Foreign Affairs Committee wrote to the President on April 6 (Tab B) expressing concern that no security assistance legislation had been proposed by the Administration.

At Tab A is a brief note to Bill Timmons which conveys the attached draft reply to Morgan from the President. The draft reply expresses the President's appreciation for the Chairman's concern, informs him that the Foreign Assistance Authorization Act will soon be submitted to Congress, and asks for Morgan's personal support for the program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum to Timmons at Tab A.

April 6, 1973

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your April 6 letter to the President advising that your Committee is anxious to begin consideration of the military grant assistance, security supporting assistance and foreign military sales programs, and suggesting that the Administration's recommendations be sent to the Committee as soon as possible. You may be assured that your letter will be called to the attention of the President at the earliest opportunity.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Cook
Deputy Assistant
to the President

Honorable Thomas E. Morgan
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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— bcc w/incoming to General Scowcroft - for further action

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MARIAN A. CZARNECKI
CHIEF OF STAFF

April 6, 1973

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is my plan early next week to introduce a bill authorizing appropriations for military grant assistance, security supporting assistance and foreign military sales at the monetary levels specified in the federal budget for fiscal year 1974.

Our Committee is anxious to begin consideration of these programs. In that regard, I would be pleased to meet with officials of the Executive Branch designated by you to discuss program projections and to make final arrangements for the hearings.

As I told you in my letter of December 14, 1972, the members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs consider the international security assistance programs to be important instruments of America's foreign policy and, as such, one of the principal legislative responsibilities of this Committee.

It is, therefore, of concern to the Committee that to date no executive communication has been received transmitting draft legislation for these programs. The Easter recess is fast approaching and the end of the fiscal year (and the demise of continuing resolution authority) is less than three months away.

Moreover, the legislative calendar of the Committee promises to be exceedingly heavy this year. In addition to the necessary authorizations for the Department of State, the United States Information Agency and other foreign policy-related agencies and programs, the Committee was apprised by the Secretary of State that it may be called upon to consider proposals dealing with postwar reconstruction in Indochina. We want to be able to give adequate attention to all these measures. For that reason, it would

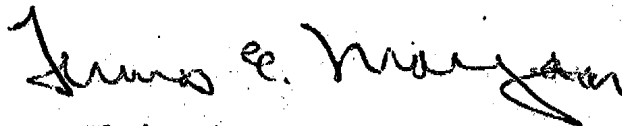
Committee on Foreign Affairs

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be highly desirable if we could work out the scheduling of security assistance legislation as promptly as possible.

For the time being, I do not intend to introduce a bill of my own providing an authorization of appropriations for economic assistance since the restructuring of that program is being given active consideration. I would urge, however, that your recommendations in that area be sent to the Committee as soon as possible in order that they may receive full consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Chairman

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